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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARTY

HAYKAL ARTICLE WRITTEN BEFORE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

181608 HAMBURG DPA IN ENGLISH 1530 GMT 18 JAN 74 M

((TEXT)) CAIRO, JAN 18 DPA--ISRAELI PREMIER GOLDA MEIR WAS QUOTED HERE TODAY AS HAVING TOLD U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SHE MAY CALL NEW GENERAL ELECTIONS IF SHE FINDS HERSELF FACING BIG DECISIONS FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE AT SOME FUTURE POINT. MRS MEIR'S REMARK WAS CITED IN THE WEEKLY EDITORIAL OF INFLUENTIAL EDITOR OF CAIRO'S SEMI-OFFICIAL AL AHRAH, MUHAMMAD HASANAYN HAYKAL, WHO HAS BEEN CLOSE TO PRSIDENT AS SADAT IN ASWAN DURING TALKS WITH KISSINGER ON DISENGAGEMENT.

HAYKAL MENTIONED THE REMARK IN EXPLAINING TO HIS ARAB READERS THE INTRICACIES OF ISRAELI POLITICS AND THEIR PROBABLE EFFECT ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. QUOTED HAD SHE SAID SHE CAN NOT MOVE FAR AT PRESENT BECAUSE OF HER PARTY'S THIN MAJORITY BUT I MAY CALL GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE FUTURE IF I FIND MYSELF FACING BIG DECISIONS.

HAYKAL'S EDITORIAL WAS EVIDENTLY WRITTEN BEFORE NEWS BROKE ABOUT THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT EFFECTED BY KISSINGER. BUT HE SAID BEFOREHAND THAT HE WOULD RESERVE JUDGEMENT ABOUT ANY SUCH ACCORD UNTIL THE FANFARE AND LIGHTS (OF KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE) SETTLE DOWN.

HAYKAL AGAIN EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT DISENGAGEMENT, FEARING THAT NEGOTIATIONL MAY BE USED BY ISRAEL AS A STEPPING STONE TOWARDS ANOTHER FREEZE OR A BREATHING SPELL TO PREPARE FOR A NEW

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BUT AT THE SAME TIME HE GAVE THE EGYPTIAN AND ARAB PUBLIC A VIVID P. No Objection to Declassification in Full 2010/10/13 : LOC-HAK-127-8-47-1 TO EXERT IN TACKLING HIS FORMIDABLE TASK, AND, USING ISRAEL AS A SORT OF REFLECTING MIRROR TO HAMMER HIS POINT THROUGH TO ARAB MINDS, SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT THE REALITIES OF NEGOTIATIONS THUS FAR GENERALLY REGARDED AS A SINFUL TABOO TO THE ARABS.

AMONG INTERESTING POINTS AMPLIFIED BY HAYKAL WAS THE FACT THAT EACH SIDE HAD TO START WITH MAXIMAL DEMANDS.

HE QUOTED A BOOK WRITTEN BY KISSINGER HIMSELF AS SAYING IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO START BY DEMANDING WHAT ONE WAS REALLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT IN THE END.

FOR ONE THING, ONE WOULD APPEAR INTRANSIGENT AND UNFLEXIBLE LATER ON IN SUCH A CASE, WHEREAS THE IMPRESSION OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCESSIONS IS CREATED IF NEGOTIATORS START BY VOICING EXTREME DEMANDS, HE EMPHASISES.

HAYKAL SAID KISSINGER HIMSELF HAD LITERALLY TO WREST THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN DIFFICULT TALKS NOT ONLY WITH ISRAEL BUT WITH INFLUENTIAL AMERICAN JEWS, THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE PENTAGON WHICH STILL REGARDS ISRAEL AS ITS BEST MILITARY GUARANTEE IN THE REGION AGAINST SOVIET PENETRATION.

KISSINGER WAS ON THE DEFENSIVE ON MANY POINTS AND ISRAEL MANAGED TO TIE HER SECURITY TO KISSINGER'S OWN SECURITY AND VERY POLITICAL FUTURE, HE ADDED. 181530 GMT WOODMAN/HK 18/1622Z JAN

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